

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read title to LB 441.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, "Shall LB 441 pass." Record your vote. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read record vote found on page 715 of the Journal. 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 not voting.

PRESIDENT: LB 441 passes. Please read LB 526 on final reading.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read title to LB 526.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is "Shall LB 526 pass with the emergency clause attached?" Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read record vote found on page 716 of the Journal. 46 ayes, 0 nays, 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT: LB 526 passes with the emergency clause attached. That completes final reading. Senator Warner, we have an additional group in the south balcony from your district. We have twenty five eleventh grade students from Malcolm High School in Malcolm, Nebraska, including an exchange student from Rio, Ivan Ferreira. That is not pronounced very well but we welcome you as well as the students from Senator Koch's district. Senator DeCamp, are you prepared to take up the rule change?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes, sir. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is an important rule change so I wish you would listen because I'm sure it will be hotly debated. This is a major rule if implemented, it would be the first time to the best of my knowledge in the history of the Legislature that such a policy, such a rule was adopted, but I think conditions today warrant it. What we're talking about is a cloture rule. A cloture rule is a method for cutting off debate, for cutting off amendments, for cutting off everything and dealing directly with the issue of whether the proposal, the bill should advance or not. You can read it in your book on page 689 and this would provide a system whereby the introducer or sponsor of a bill, Chairman if it is a Committee bill, after whatever period of time, could do it immediately or he could wait two, three days, would present his motion to this Chair, which would have to recognize him and announce that following recognition there would be thirty additional minutes of debate allowed and then the matter would be voted on as to whether to advance the bill or not. Arguments in favor of it. When the people and this Legislature several years ago determined that we were going to have limited sessions of sixty days and ninety days, no provisions were made to limit the quantity of material or the amount of time spent on it and so with a shortening of the session, we have increased the quantity of material that we are handling substantially. This is the short session, sixty days this year and as every man, woman in this body knows by looking up at that board now, there are probably more major bills, more major proposals before the Legislature right now than in any previous year, certainly that I have been here and I would guess than anybody had been here. In previous years as you know, we've had four, five, maybe a dozen really pretty hot items. I think you can go through